

WASHINGTON.

THE CASE OF DR. MURD TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE A FULL BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT—THE PRESIDENT STILL OPPOSED TO THE TERRITORIAL PROJET—CLAIMS OF CONTRACTORS—THE WAR CLAIMS OF NEW-YORK.

TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 24, 1866.

The application for a writ of habeas corpus which was made to Chief Justice Chase for the release of Dr. Mudd, one of the assassination conspirators, will be denied on the ground that the recent decision of the Court does not apply to cases of that kind. It is understood that the counsel of Mudd will bring the matter before the entire Court with a view of obtaining a decision which will reach the other conspirators now confined in the Dry Tortugas. It is very doubtful whether the Court will grant the application in these cases. Rev. Mr. Johnson, who is their counsel, is very confident that the Court will grant it.

The President to-day, in conversation with a friend, expressed his unabated confidence in the final triumph of his restoration policy. He also took occasion to condemn the project that was being agitated in Congress for the overthrow of the present State Governments at the South, and declared that it would release those State Governments from the payment of their State debts, and impose them upon the United States.

The subject of new legislation, to protect soldiers from the alleged extortions of claim agents having been proposed, the preparation was submitted to the Paymaster-General for his views, and he states as follows: "I do not conceive that further legislation on this subject can be otherwise than detrimental. The soldier is now amply protected by the rules of this office, 'that all drafts for living soldiers' claims shall be payable to the soldier's own order, and not to the order of the agent or attorney.' This affords the completed protection against extortion, as the depositaries cannot pay without the verified endorsement of the payee. Multiplied and changing legislation on these subjects tends only to embarrass and protract the consummation of the desired work." The Paymaster-General denounced as preposterous the suggestion that the appropriation should be made to issue two checks in payment of claims, one for the attorney's fees and one for the claimant.

A contractor with the Quartermaster's Department, being as alleged, indebted to a third party, and payment to the same having been withheld by the contractor, an injunction was granted by the courts enjoining the Quartermaster's Department from paying the first party. The question as to whom payment should be made having been referred to the Treasury Department, the proper accounting officer made the following decision:

"I am clearly of opinion that no trustee process, garnishment, or other proceeding recognized by the officers of the Government in respect of money due creditors of the United States. Reasons of high public policy forbid that the agents of the Government should be imposed in the payment for services rendered, and the law may be violated if we do not make a claim upon the public creditor. To admit such a pension would be equivalent to placing it in the power of a few individuals, at critical junctures, to thwart the most important undertakings, or perhaps to stop the whole Government. The law, however, is clear, and we must act in accordance with all the weight, not only so as to warrant the payment of all the worth, but not so as to warrant the payment of lots amounting its school property. And what can it be if such lots fall into unscrupulous hands?"

The Board is erecting a new school building in Vestry st. to replace the old one at No. 414. The Grammar school No. 18, in Fifth street, between Lexington and Fourth, has been reconstructed, and was formally opened by its accomplished head, Mr. Edward P. Worth, yesterday afternoon. The Green-wich-school, which had been closed for nearly two years, and on its site has risen a substantial, if not imposing, edifice whose solid walls and well-protected stairs afford no guaranty against a recurrence of the Greenwich-ward fire. The doors of the old school were distributed around the Ninth Ward, awaiting the completion of their new buildings—the boys being taught at No. 285 Septweth, the girls at No. 57 Seventh-st., and the infants at No. 103 Eighth-st. The parents of the old school are to the following route: Erie Railroad, East Hudson River Railroad, S. Harlem Railroad, 23rd Avenue and Amherst Street, New-Jersey Central Railroad, 287 on foot, 75, about 2,500 were in the Ward to-day.

LIST OF DOVERS.

The following are the names of drivers, owners, or consignees of the principal drivers, and where the carts are reported from:

AT HUDDON CITY.

Ward & Co., near Avenue, 920 N.Y.

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